

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for entry in the above-identified reissue application prior to an Examiner undertaking a first Action in connection therewith. Allowed claims 1-26 remain unchanged in the present amendment. New claims 27-43 are added to capture the full scope of the invention to which the patentee is entitled. All of newly added claims 27-43 are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Newly added claim 27 is a method claim similar to independent claim 1; however, the "interrupt vector" element from the preamble of claim 1 and elements b) and c) from independent claim 1 eliminated. Newly added claim 27 is supported by FIGS. 4 and 5 and original claim 1, as well as the associated discussion at Col. 5, line 50 through Col. 6, line 13.

New claim 28 depends from newly added independent claim 27 and presents the elements of "trapping an interrupt" and "activating the alarm instruction". Both of these elements are supported by the original specification at Col 5, lines 21-40. The trapping element is also supported by original claim 8, without the intervening claim dependencies.

New claim 29 depends from independent claim 27 and presents elements b) and c) from independent claim 1, which were removed from the newly added claim 27.

New claim 30 depends from independent claim 27 and is directed to "triggering a microswitch" and "executing the alarm". Both of these elements are supported by the original specification at Col. 6, lines 20-48.

New claim 31 depends from independent claim 27 and is directed to "executing a portion of the alarm instruction during a boot process". This element is supported by the original specification at Col. 5, lines 27-32.

New claim 32 depends from independent claim 27 and is directed to "polling a status indicator" and "executing an instruction segment". These elements are supported by the original specification at Col. 6, lines 31-48.

New claim 33 depends from independent claim 27. New claim 33 represents the text of original dependent claim 12 without the same intermediate dependencies. Claim 33 is supported by the original specification at Col. 5, line 66 through Col. 6, line 1 and at Col. 7, lines 2-5.

New claim 34 depends from independent claim 27. Claim 34 represents the text of original dependent claim 13 without the intervening claim dependencies. Claim 34 is supported by the original specification at Col. 6, lines 4-11.

New claim 35 depends from independent claim 27. Claim 34 represents the text of original dependent claim 13 without the intervening claim dependencies. Claim 35 is supported by the original specification at Col. 6, lines 11-18.

New claim 36 depends from claim 34 and is directed to "a password to deactivate the audible alarm." New claim 36 is supported by the original specification at Col. 7, lines 8-18.

New claim 37 depends from claim 34 and is directed to "one or more hot-keys to deactivate the audible alarm." New claim 37 is supported by the original specification at Col. 7, lines 8-18.

New claim 38 depends from claim 27 and is directed to "executing an instruction segment according to an action taken by an authorized user, the instruction segment for activating the alarm instruction." Claim 38 is supported by the original specification at Col. 6, lines 4-11.

Newly added independent claim 39 presents a five step method according to the present invention. The method of claim 38 is supported by the original specification at Col. 5, line 32 through Col. 6, line 13 and by FIGS. 3, 4 and 5.

New claim 40 depends from newly added independent claim 39 and presents the elements of "trapping an interrupt" and "activating the alarm instruction". Both of these elements are supported by the original specification at Col 5, lines 21-40. The trapping element is also supported by original claim 8, without the intervening claim dependencies.

New claim 41 depends from independent claim 39 and presents the element of "executing a portion of the alarm instruction segment with a boot process..." New claim 41 is supported by the original specification at Col. 5, lines 32-40.

New claim 42 depends from independent claim 39 and presents "executing automatically the alarm instruction segment with the operating system of the portable computer." Claim 42 is supported by the original specification at Col. 7, lines 29-30.

New claim 43 depends from independent claim 39 and presents "executing automatically the alarm instruction segment by an action of an authorized user." Claim 43 is supported by the original specification at Col. 7, lines 29-30.

All of pending claims 1-43 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Reissue applicant directs that the changes presented herein be made to the copy of the printed patent upon indication of allowability. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0982. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this Reissue Patent Application.

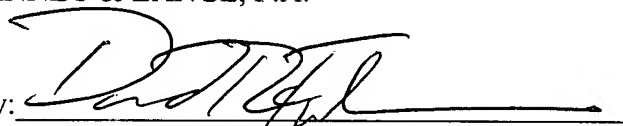
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